GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City – Detention of Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 363 **Dated: 28-04-2025**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2. From the Home Department through e-office file bearing no. HOM01-COOR0MISC(null)/8/2025-LEGAL-I, along with letter of the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, Lr.No.8746 / MC-III / PIT-NDPS Act/ 2024, dt.16.01.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, II Town PS, Visakhapatnam City has placed before the Commissioner Of Police, Visakhapatnam City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988). The residence of the detenue falls within the limits of II Town PS of Visakhapatnam City and the following are the details in the report.

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit cannabis trafficking and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of neighbouring Districts to the Visakhapatnam city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in the territorial jurisdiction of Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City and its neighbouring districts. Further, it is to be noted that the

detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport, and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students and in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec. 2 (e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to the public health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Visakhapatnam City. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S.No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Ganja Seized (in Kg's)	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr.No.179/2022, U/s 328, 284 r/w 34 IPC, Sec. 22(C) r/w 8(C) of NDPS ACT and Sec. 18(C) DRUGS & COSMETIC ACT, 1940 of II Town PS	60 Boxes (1 Box= 50 injection, Total 3000 injections) valued about Rs.78,000	Charge sheet was filed on 28.04.2023 and NSC Number awaited.

2.	Cr.No.102/2023 U/s 328,284 r/w 34 IPC, 20(b)(ii) (c), 22(c) NDPSA,18(c) DCA of II Town	seized 42 Boxes containing 2100 sedative pentazocine injections I.P and 21 Kgs Ganja	Case is UI for arrest of accused A4, A6, A7.

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Brief facts of the NDPS Act cases that he was involved in are furnished hereunder in a nutshell: -

Case No: 01

1. **Crime No & Section of Crime:** 179/2022, U/s 328, 284 r/w 34 IPC, Sec. 22(C) r/w 8(C) of NDPS ACT and Sec. 18(C) DRUGS & COSMETIC ACT, 1940 of II Town PS.
2. **Date of reporting:** 07.05.2022.
3. **Seizure details:** PENTAZOCINE LACTATE INJECTIONS I.P. Manufactured by Vulcan laboratories Pvt.Ltd 60 Boxes (60*50=3000 Injections).
4. **Brief facts:** Occurred 07.05.2022 at 17.30 hours at Leela mahal Junction, Visakhapatnam city and reported on the same day at 21.00 hours, Wherein the complainant Sri S. Narasinga Raju, SI 3883, II Town Police station on receipt of credible information about the selling of unauthorized intoxicating injections. Immediately secured the presence of mediators, rushed to Leela mahal junction along with staff of taskforce SI-Vasu Naidu, HC 188/K. Srinivasa Rao, HC 352/D. Gowri Shankar PC 3916/ V.S.Swamy of II Town P.S., found accused A1) Anupam Adhikari s/o Mazbipura, 30 yrs, A2) Koushik chowdhury s/o kolin chowdhury, 30 yrs in the possession of travel bags containing 50 boxes of PENTAZOCINE LACTATE INJECTIONS I.P. Manufactured by Vulcan laboratories Pvt.Ltd without any doctor's prescription and permission illegally. Questioned the accused through Hindi known HC- 352, Recorded their confessional statements, seized 1)60 Boxes (1 Box= 50 injection, Total 3000 injections) valued about Rs.78,000, 2) Oppo Black Android mobile phone, 3) Rs.500/-, 4)One Train ticket (AA17389097) from A1, from A2 1) Realme silver color android mobile phone, 2) Rs. 500/- cash and made effective arrest on them under cover of mediators report drafted then and there from17.30 hrs to 20.30 hrs. accused were Arrested On.07.05.2022 and sent for Remand.
5. **Level of involvement:** A-7.
6. **Present status of case:** Charge sheet filed before Hon'ble court and case UI for awaited NSc No.

Case No: 02

1. **Crime No & Section of Crime:** Cr.No.102/2023 U/s 328,284 r/w 34 IPC, 20(b)(ii) (c), 22(c) NDPSA,18(c) DCA.
2. **Date of reporting:** 14.05.2023.

3. **Seizure details:** 42 boxes of PENTAZOCINE LACTATE INJECTIONS I.P, contained 50 injections in each box, total 42x50=2100 ampoules, 10 Brown color packets containing 21 Kgs Ganja.
4. **Brief facts:** This is a case of administering stupefying drug with intent to cause hurt by means of intoxicating which endangers human life or the personal safety

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of others coupled with NDPS Act, that occurred on 14.05.2023 at 18.00 hrs, at dilapidated Railway quarters, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam city and reported on 14.05.2023 at 21.30 hours, wherein the accused A1 to A3 noted in the margin were arrested, since they were found in possession of 42 boxes of PENTAZOCINE LACTATE INJECTIONS I.P, contained 50 injections in each box, total 42 x 50 = 2100 ampoules, 10 Brown color packets containing 21 Kgs Ganja, after recording confessional statement of the accused, seizure of samples in the presence of mediators under cover of mediators report.

5. **Level of involvement:** A5.
6. **Present status of case:** Under investigation.

5. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act,1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health. Thus, he is acting as prejudicial to the maintenance of the public health.

6. Apart from the above, the said detenue is involved in 02 cases in II Town Police Station of Visakhapatnam City of Andhra Pradesh state. Out of such 02 cases, 1 case is in Pending Trial before the competent Hon'ble Courts of Law and 1 case is in under investigation, a Suspect sheet is opened and being maintained against him vide proceedings in C.No.66/HS/ACP-East/2019, dt.26.04.2019 to maintain surveillance on his movements. Despite continuous watch on his movements, he continues to involve in various crimes including the clandestine trade, transport, possession and sale of Ganja/ Cannabis as defined for illicit traffic mentioned in Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.

7. The other following cases that registered against Sri Pithani Appala Raju, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 Yrs, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Allipuram, VSP City, Andhra Pradesh as stated above:

S.NO	CR.NO, SEC OF LAW & NAME OF THE POLICE STATION	STAGE OF THE CASE
1.	Cr.No.103/2015 u/s 328,336,34 IPC of II Town PS, VSP city	PT
2.	Cr.No.599/2020 U/s 328, 336 r/w 34 IPC of II Town PS, VSP	PT

	city	
3.	Cr.No.179/2022 U/s 328, 284 r/w 34 IPC, Sec. 22(C) r/w 8(C) of NDPS ACT and Sec. 18(C) DRUGS & COSMETIC ACT, 1940 of II Town PS, VSP city	UI
4.	Cr.No.248/2022 U/s 328,284 IPC,18(c) DCA of MVP PS, VSP city	PT
5.	Cr.No.102/2023 U/s 328,284 r/w 34 IPC,20(b)(ii)(C),22(c) NDPSA,18(c) DCA II Town	UI

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8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading of the detenue Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. It is evident that Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including murders, robbery and Bodily Offence so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act,1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Visakhapatnam and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

11. The offenders repeatedly resort to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to

Government under section 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received

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from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988.

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvu gattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNER OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
Sri Pithani Appala Raju @ Chinna, S/o Krupa Rao, Age 34 years, Caste by Settibalija, R/o D.No.33-5-25/43, Cheruvugattu, Nerellakoneru, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh (Through the Inspector of Police, II Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City.)
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.

The Inspector of Police, II Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).

The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.

The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.

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